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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 1999, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 9, line 15 by deleting "20" and inserting --10--.

Please amend page 12, line 13 by inserting the words "--or port--" after the word "jack".

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REMARKS

Disclosure Objections

The disclosure was objected to because of the following informalities: On page 9, line 15, the mouse pointing device is recognized with reference number (20). However, other references in the disclosure and the drawings recognized a mouse pointing device with reference number (10) or (34). On page 12, line 13 of the disclosure, reference was made of a jack (40). However, other references in the disclosure and the drawings recognized a port (40).

Applicant has amended the specification to correct the obvious typographical errors that the Examiner has discovered. The mouse pointing device on page 9, line 15 now has a reference number of (10) corresponding with Figures 1a and 1b. Similarly, page 12, line 13 now is amended to state "jack or port". No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5, 7, 10-11, and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Broussard (EP Patent No. 0 602 947). Claim 8 is not specifically rejected, but arguments have been made in the Office Action about Claim 8. Applicant respectfully submits that the control buttons disclosed in *Broussard* are a part of the control screen, as shown in Fig. 2. Applicant's invention discloses the usage of buttons or other control mechanisms on the